



FRIDAY EVENING, AUG. 21, 1903.

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W. G. CLIFFORD, of Pottsville, Pa., believes that he has solved the servant problem. He has completed arrangements with the Liberian Migration Society of the South, and several similar organizations, to carry 25,000 colored girls to the North. The girls will be used not only as servants in residences and hotels, but also as operatives in factories. Their transportation he proposes to begin at once. New Orleans will be the central point of shipment. This movement will afford colored girls an opportunity to become useful and respected in the communities in which their lots may be cast, and it remains to be seen whether they will take advantage of it. If Mr. Clifford will show himself capable of carrying out his intentions he will prove to be a greater friend of the colored race than the many who are always theorizing but never acting. Colored girls, however, should they be induced to go North, will find that they will be no better treated there than they are at home.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT is said to be displeased with the political situation in New York State, and has invited Governor Odell to Oyster Bay for a conference. The majority of the people of New York is not in favor of the election of Mr. Roosevelt and a good democrat could easily defeat him in that State.

## FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.] A bulletin issued by the Census Office today entered into an interesting discussion of the increase in population of the United States. Among other things it shows: The increase in the population of the United States between 1890 and 1900 was about twenty-one and one-eighth millions. Of this increase three-eighths was due to the extension of the boundaries of the United States in the decade 1890 to 1900, and the other five-eighths to the increase of population within the boundaries of 1890. The increase in the population of continental United States was 13,046,861 or 20.7 per cent. Only one country, Argentina, has shown a more rapid growth. The present rate of growth in continental United States is probably double the average rate of Europe, is nearly double that of Canada, exceeds by one-sixth that of Mexico and by one-tenth that of Australia.

Among the five main divisions of continental United States the highest rate of increase is found in the western division and the lowest in the north central. Among the eleven minor divisions the highest rate of growth is found in the Rocky Mountain group, the lowest in the northern south Atlantic. In 1790 the northern and the southern groups of States had almost equal populations, but through the following 100 years the north steadily gained, until in 1890 its population was almost double that of the south. In the decade 1890 to 1900, on the contrary, for the first time in our national history the southern States increased faster than the northern. East of the Mississippi, however, the northern States as a group have grown in the last ten years somewhat more rapidly than the southern; but west of that river the southern States have increased almost one and one-half times as rapidly as the northern, and it is this fact that makes the growth of the southern States exceed that of the North.

The region west of the Mississippi is still increasing faster than that east of it, but the difference between the rates of growth in the two regions, 1890 to 1900, was little more than one-fifth of what it was 1880 to 1890. The increased growth of the East and the decrease growth of the West may both be connected with a probable decline in the current of westward migration. The growth of population, an important index of prosperity, was more evenly distributed over the country between 1890 and 1900 than between 1880 and 1890. The most noteworthy result of the entire discussion is the cumulative evidence of the rapid approach to equality in the rates of increase of various parts of the United States. This appears whether North be compared with South, East with West, or city with country.

The Cuban Minister, Senor Quesada, today officially informed acting Secretary of State Adee that Cuba is now ready to sign the leases for the naval stations which the United States is to acquire in Cuba.

Judge Thomas Ryan of Kansas, assistant Secretary of the Interior, stirred up a political hornet's nest by an appointment made public today. Judge Ryan is chairman of the Alaska exhibit of the department, and as such has selected Lewis L. Williams, of Juneau, Alaska, the democratic national committee man from the territory, as executive commissioner to take charge of the Alaskan exhibit. The other commissioner from Alaska is Governor Brady. Governor Brady gets no salary. Williams gets a salary of \$2,600 per annum as well as expenses. Republican politicians have been protesting strenuously against the appointment, an intimation of which leaked out in advance. The protesters were led by Senator Carter of Montana, chairman of the government board of exposition commissioners. But all to no avail. Judge Ryan is in Yellowstone Park and sent word of the appointment from there to Secretary Hitchcock. He can not be reached, and although Secretary Hitchcock is displeased, the appointment will have to stand, as Secretary Hitchcock himself gave Judge Ryan full authority to make the selection.

Lieut. Gov. Willard, of Virginia, who is a candidate for Governor of his State, was here last night and said he was well satisfied with his prospects and also with the democratic outlook. He believes the democrats will elect the next President.

Acting Secretary of the Navy Darling has written a highly commendatory letter to T. L. Jones, a water tender on the torpedo boat Craven, for his gallant conduct in the engine room of the vessel when two tubes of the boiler blew out during the run to Point Judith on July 20. In the face of immediate danger Jones remained in the fire room doing what was possible to save the boiler until finally driven on deck in the midst of flame and steam.

LORD SALISBURY, former British Premier, and one of the foremost statesmen of the present age, is drawing to the close of life's journey. His condition is extremely critical, and the end may be expected at any moment. Lord Salisbury has been a conspicuous figure in the history of the past score of years. He was originally a newspaper man and his genius enabled him to mount all the rungs of the ladder until he became England's Prime Minister.

THE EXCELLENT telegraphic service of the Gazette was well shown in its issue of yesterday. In twenty minutes from the time the race between Reliance and Shamrock was declared off, the fact was published and circulated throughout the city together with the telegraphic account of the race from the start. The Gazette is the only newspaper in Northern Virginia that has a complete telegraphic service and every important event happening in any part of the world is faithfully chronicled in its columns on the day of its occurrence.

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A DISPATCH from San Francisco, where the Grand Army of the Republic is in session, says: The discovery of Miss Sarah Brown, of Santa Clara county, Cal., daughter of John Brown, of Harper's Ferry fame, among the visitors to the encampment, afforded the visiting delegates of the Grand Army of the Republic an opportunity to extend their congratulations to the child of their old friend, and she received a hearty greeting on all sides by the old soldiers from States all over the Union, who were surprised and delighted to meet her so far away from the scene which made her father famous. Miss Brown is a member of the W. R. C. of Los Gatos, Cal.

If this lady has no more to bank upon than the fact that she is the daughter of John Brown, she will attract but little attention. He was celebrated for nothing but fanaticism which led him to commit murder, which act brought him to the gibbet.

SINCE the failure of some of Mr. Morgan's combination schemes to "pan out," as many of those who went into them had been led to believe they would—the shipping trust for instance—the belief in his wonderful financial ability has been somewhat shaken and the fear of him is no more, lest they be swallowed up, is not quite as great as it has been. In England his methods are being ridiculed and it is said in London that it would now be impossible for him to carry out any big scheme, the distrust of his methods being so profound. One failure will offset many successes, and many are now inclined to believe that J. Pierpont Morgan's period of American financing has passed. No one man can long cope with the problems which have been imposed on Mr. Morgan.

THE RACES between Shamrock and Reliance will probably settle no question of yacht building and will therefore prove of little practical advantage. The distinctive styles—flat bottom and keel—have been practically abandoned and the two yachts are built almost on the same lines. Nor is the nationality of the boats strictly observed, as the American boat is fitted with English made sails and manned by a Scotch captain and a crew composed largely of Norwegians. The races between Shamrock I and Columbia, and Shamrock II and Columbia showed better the skill of the skippers than the difference in the sailing qualities of the boats, and the result of the present races will probably prove little more.

SIR THOMAS LIPTON, while expressing his faith in the cup challenger today, toyed with a rabbit's foot which a lady gave him on the other side of the Atlantic. He evidently believes this to be a talisman and is enjoying hopes that it will bring good luck to Shamrock III, as he held up the foot to the view of all while he was giving vent to his impressions. There seems to be a faint streak of superstition in all mankind. Horse shoes and rabbits' feet have long been regarded as producers of good luck. Moles' feet are hung around the necks of the infantile creation in order that they may experience no difficulty in cutting teeth. These chimeras follow us more or less through life.

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